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Barbara Backlin

Terri Paulson

Faye Eastman - Chaperone

You Are Cordially Invited To
ATTEND THE ANCHOR CLUB TEA
and MEET THE 1977
REGATTA COURT
Sunday, August 7 ~2-4 p
Captain & Mrs. Martin West Home-1

Marianne DeSassie

Colleen Hensley - Skinner

The 1977 Regatta Court met this week at the home of chaeprone Faye Eastman to make the final choice on their wardrobe for the festivities taking place August 25-28 in Astoria. Princesses are, standing, left to right, Pat Johnson of Tongue Point Job Corps Center, daughter of Mrs. Helen Johnson of Bakersfield, Cal.; Marianne DeSassise, a student at Astoria High School and the daughter of Mrs. Natalie DeSassise and the late Jack DeSassise; seated to the left of the chaperone, Terri Paulson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilt Paulson and a student at Astoria High; and Barbara Backlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Backlin and a student at Astoria High School.

Tongue Point princess completes 1977 court

Patricia Johnson

Tongue Point Job Corps member Patricia A. Johnson is the fourth member to be chosen for the 1977 Astoria Regatta Royal Court.

Miss Johnson, the daughter of Helen L. Johnson of Bakersfield, Calif., has been a Job Corps student for seven months. She is enrolled in a nursing aide training program.

A senator and sergeant at arms for Tongue Point's student government organization, Miss Johnson has been active in an orientation program for new enrollees and a peer counseling group at the center.

She was assistant chairman of a recent Easter Seal benefit at Tongue Point and ran in a 24-hour track marathon at the center last fall. She has received best groomed and best recreation aide awards while a student at the Astoria center.

Miss Johnson has worked part-time at Seaside Care Center and wants to be a registered nurse. She plans to enroll at the University of Oregon after completing her Job Corps program.

The Astoria Regatta Court, pictured here with chaperone Faye Eastman, center, will appear at Monday benefit. Members of the court, from left to right, are Barbara Backlin, Marianne DeSassise, Patricia Johnson and Terri Paulson

Regatta Court featured guests

Anchor benefit Monday

Members of the Astoria Regatta Court will model their new wardrobe at an Astoria Anchor Club benefit Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Astoria Middle School.

The four young women — Barbara Backlin, Marianne DeSassise and Terri Paulson of Astoria High School and Patricia Johnson of Tongue Point Job Corps Center — will reign over the Aug. 25-28 Astoria Regatta.

Proceeds from Monday's benefit, which also will include musical selections by the Astoria High School Swing Choir under the direction of Karen Soderberg, will go to pay the court's expenses and to sponsor other Anchor Club Regatta events.

Anchor Club member Marcie Overby will be mistress of ceremonies Monday evening at the benefit which will award a $50 gift certificate at Astoria Super Market and a charter fishing trip for two aboard the Reel In based in Warrenton as top prizes during the evening.

There also will be several other smaller prizes and refreshments.

Kay Cruzan and Barbara Zielinski are chairmen of the event. Reservations may be made by telephoning 325-0268, 324-3681 or 325-1631.

Other persons planning the event include Charlene Larsen, Pat Ekelin, Ava Hallett, Marge Backlin, Corinne Lewis, Esther Meyer, Velma Kee, Marlene Mestrich, Sue Alderman, Mary Heuberger, Patty Ericksen.

Ship's In/ *The Astoria Regatta Court — Terri Paulson, Marianne DeSassise, Barbara Backlin and Patricia Johnson — were guests aboard the charter boat Cheyenne for its weekend cruise to Astoria to begin the charter fishing season at Thunderbird Charters. The young women, who will reign over the 1977 Astoria Regatta Aug. 25-28, were guests Friday evening at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird and came down the river Saturday aboard the Cheyenne with three other boats.*

Barbara Backlin named first Regatta princess

Astoria High School senior Barbara Backlin is the first of four princesses to be named to the 1977 Astoria Regatta Royal Court.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Backlin, the 17-year-old Miss Backlin is the oldest of four children. She has two sisters and one brother.

Miss Backlin is senior class treasurer, active in the AHS student council and is a member of the school's domestic exchange program which recently took several students to Texas.

She enjoys swimming, bicycling and sewing. She also likes to attend estate sales as a hobby.

Miss Backlin will attend college in the fall to study fashion merchandising.

This year's court also will include two more princesses from Astoria High School and a princess from Tongue Point Job Corps Center.

Barbara Backlin

Marianne DeSassise joins 1977 Regatta Royal Court

Marianne DeSassise is the second princess named by the Astoria Anchor Club and the Astoria Regatta Assn. to the 1977 Astoria Regatta Royal Court.

Miss DeSassise, a senior at Astoria High School, is the daughter of Natalie and the late Jack DeSassise of Astoria.

Active in student government, junior varsity rally, the ski club and Pepsters, Miss DeSassise was treasurer of the AHS Spanish Club and toured Mexico last summer with the club.

She enjoys ballet, tap and jazz dancing, snow and water skiing and danced in Saturday's Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Pageant. She also will participate in this month's Rotary Red Stocking Revue.

Miss DeSassise plans a career in the travel business after studying at Mt. Hood Community College and Brigham Young University.

She joins Barbara Backlin, named to the court Monday, as part of the 1977 Regatta royalty. Another princess from Astoria High School and one from Tongue Point Job Corps Center will be named to the court.

Marianne DeSassise

Student pilot, dancer third Regatta princess

Terri A. Paulson is the third person chosen for membership on the 1977 Astoria Regatta Royal Court. A senior at Astoria High School, she is the daughter of Wilt Paulson.

Miss Paulson is a member of the school's Pepster squad and a Coast Guard aviation exploration post. A student pilot, she soloed in November and plans to study aviation at Mt. Hood Community college and a state university.

She also recently danced in the Miss Clatsop County Scholarship Pageant. She has studied jazz, ballet, tap and hula dancing for five years.

Miss Paulson works for Dr. David I. Williams and does secretarial work for her father at Lektro, Inc.

She joins AHS princesses Barbara Backlin and Marianne DeSassise on the court that will rule over the August festival. A fourth princess, from Tongue Point Job Corps Center, will be named to the court Thursday.

Terri Paulson

Regatta court selection among changes this year

Even the Astoria Regatta Royal Court will get a face-lift in this year's revamped edition of the 37-year-old festival.

The Astoria Anchor Club, which sponsors the court, will name three Astoria High School senior girls and a Tongue Point Job Corps student to the honor court next week.

Regatta princesses from Warrenton and Knappa were eliminated from the court this year because of low interest at both high schools.

A Tongue Point Job Corps student was added to the court this year to show the Astoria Regatta Association's appreciation for Tongue Point's help with past festivals and to foster community togetherness.

The Tongue Point court representative will be the same age as the three high school representatives. She will be financed by Tongue Point's student government organization.

All four princesses will receive a scholarship from the Astoria Regatta Assn. to be used only at Clatsop Community College.

This year's Regatta celebration will be August 25-28.

The 1977 Regatta Queen will be crowned at a luncheon Aug. 26. A coronation ceremony at which the queen traditionally has been crowned was dropped by the Anchor Club this year because of budget cuts and poor attendance at last year's event.

The 1977 Astoria Regatta Royal Court, accompanied by 1976 Queen Cindy Lockett, will make its first public appearance at the Loyalty Days Parade in Long Beach, Wash., May 7.

This year's [illegible] will be hosted by the Anchor Club tea Aug. 21. Faye Eastman is the 1977 court's chaperone.

Traditional event marks beginning of Regatta

Sunday tea honors Regatta court

The 1977 Astoria Regatta Court and reigning Queen Cindy Lockett will greet North Coast residents at a tea Sunday at the Astoria home of Capt. and Mrs. Martin West.

A kick-off for the Aug. 25-28 Regatta celebration, the tea will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the newly remodeled West home at 1336 Irving Ave.

Portions of the West home, built in 1939 by Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Andrews, will be open to tours throughout the afternoon. An extensive remodeling project on the house is nearing completion.

Miss Lockett and the 1977 princesses—Patricia Johnson, Barbara Backlin, Marianne De Sassise, and Terri Paulson—will be on hand Sunday to welcome guests to the tea sponsored by the Astoria Anchor Club.

Anchors Mary Adams and Lois Hoeing are chairmen of the Sunday event which will welcome back former Regatta court members Carol Mestrich, Jill Howatt Curtis and Maggie Hunsinger to help serve at the afternoon tea.

Also helping with the tea Sunday will be the mothers and guardian of the Regatta princesses, Marge Backlin, Violet Paulson, Natalie De Sassise and Char Lewis, and associate anchors Margaret Hill, Gertie Rinell, Ruth Shaner and Marge Smith.

The tea, an annual event, has for many years been held in April or May but was returned to its original August date this year to help renew interest in a revamped Regatta festival.

Anchor members on the tea committee are Shirley Telen, Betty Jo Heiner, Betty Farmer, Terri Columbe, Pat Elder, Shirley Haggart, Mary Heuberger, Betty Cunningham and Debbie Hansen.

Margaret Branham is chairman of a kitchen committee for the tea that includes Wilma Gray, Velma Kee, Judy Thiel, Pat Whitten, Marian Youngren and Dea Hellegas.

The tea is open to all interested [illegible]

Astoria Regatta Court members, standing, left to right, Marianne DeSassise, Barbara Backlin, 1976 Queen Cindy Lockett, Patricia Johnson and Terri Paulson will join chaperone Faye Eastman, sitting left, and Anchor Club Skipper Colleen Hensley in greeting North Coast residents at Sunday tea

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Regatta court chaperone Faye Eastman, center, will see one of these four princesses — from left to right, Terri Paulson, Marianne DeSassise, Patricia Johnson and Barbara Backlin — crowned queen of the 57th Regatta Friday at a noon coronation and luncheon.

Regatta promises fun-filled days

Folklife and arts festivals, parade, anniversary highlight weekend

By LESLEY FORNAS
Of The Daily Astorian

"Hail Torquin, 1811" — Astoria's 57th Regatta — opened today at noon with a carnival in east Astoria and will continue through Sunday with a full schedule of crowd-pleasing events.

Youngsters take the spotlight this evening in the Kiwanis Kiddies Parade down Commercial at 6:30. Parade Chairman Bob Lovell says the parade will be held rain or shine if children show up to participate.

Children who plan to march in the parade should be at the U.S. National Bank parking lot on Duane between Ninth and Tenth streets at 6 p.m.

Friday Regatta activities begin at 10 a.m. with a children's playday at Tapiola Field that will include games, free swimming and a hot-dog-and-Pepsi lunch for a nominal fee.

A men's no-host luncheon Friday at 11:30 a.m. will honor Maj. Gen. Richard A. Miller, adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard and Regatta Grand Land Parade marshal, and others. The luncheon will be at the Astoria Elks Lodge.

A queen to rule over the weekend festival will be crowned at a luncheon ceremony Friday at noon at the Seafare Restaurant.

One of the new queen's first duties will be to tour visiting U.S. Navy ships docked at the Port of Astoria. The U.S.S. Rogers DDE 876 and U.S.S. Point Defiance LSD 31 will be open to the public today through Sunday from 1-4 p.m.

Friday evening, festival enthusiasts will take to the dance floor. Teen-agers will dance to the music of "Whiskey Stix" at Clatsop Community College beginning at 9 p.m.

"The Family Affair" will play for an adult dance sponsored by the Sunset Empire Cher's at 8 p.m. at the Astoria National Guard Armory. It will be combined with a beer garden running from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The beer garden also will be open Saturday from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the armory. During the afternoon there will be no charge to enter the beer garden.

And, "The Family Affair" will put on a repeat performance at another adult dance Saturday night at 8 at the armory.

A parade of 100-200 fishing boats coordinated by the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union will make its way along the waterfront from beneath the Astoria Bridge to the East End Mooring Basin Saturday at 10 a.m.

Fishing boats in the parade will be escorted down the river by U.S. Coast Guard boats which will demonstrate rescue operations when the procession reaches the mooring basin at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, youngsters to age 12 will get a chance to try their hand at fishing in a junior fishing derby from sunrise to 10 a.m. at Sunset Lake on Clatsop Plains.

Saturday also is opening day for the Victorian Arts Festival at the Flavel Mansion and the North Coast Folklife Festival at the Clatsop County 4-H and FFA Fairgrounds.

The Victorian Arts Festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, featuring a variety of needlework, clothing and demonstrations and a Sunday at 2 p.m. musical program in the mansion's garden.

A Saturday 11 a.m. opening ceremony will begin two full days of celebrating the area's folklore at the North Coast Folklife Festival which is partly sponsored by the Oregon Arts Commission as a pilot project for the state. It will run Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be boat-building and net-mending each day.

There also will be musical programs on two stages both days, pastries from local bakeries and a fish-tasting booth sponsored by the Northwest Fishermen's Wives Assn.

The Regatta Grand Land Parade will wind through town Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. Fifty to 80 entries are expected for the event, which will include several marching bands, among them a Fort Lewis marching and musical unit.

Persons who follow the parade to its end at Warren Field will be able to take in a karate demonstration from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday sponsored by Kim's Tai Kwon Do.

Astoria Jaycees are sponsoring a Sunday noon bicycle motocross for the younger set at Alderbrook Park in east Astoria and the festival will close Sunday with a 2 p.m. golden anniversary celebration and concert at Camp Rilea.

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Joan Maunula Reed at her coronation in 1937.

Former Regatta royalty parade honored guests

It isn't often that one gets to relive important events of the past, but Jean Maunula Reed will get to do just that Saturday.

Mrs. Reed, queen of the 1937 Astoria Regatta, will be among several past Regatta queens who will ride as honored guests in the 1977 Regatta Grand Land Parade highlighting Saturday festival events.

The 23rd royal ruler for the annual event now in its 57th year, Mrs. Reed was a junior at Astoria High School when she was selected by her classmates in May to rule over the Sept. 1-6, 1937 festival.

Mrs. Reed and 1936 Astoria Regatta Queen Nancy Fulton Lowe, who also will ride in Saturday's parade through downtown Astoria, ruled over a different festival but one that brought just as much excitement and as many fun-filled events to town.

Mrs. Reed's court included princesses from high schools in Jewell, Knappa, Westport, Seaside and Warrenton. She was crowned in a ceremony at Gyro Field (Warren Field) by Regatta Admiral Joe Carson, mayor of Portland.

She will wear the white satin gown Saturday that she wore for her coronation in 1937.

The 1937 festival, which was praised in a Christian Science Monitor story of the day and in a special radio broadcast between KASY in Astoria and KEX in Portland, was billed by the local press as the "biggest yet" Regatta.

Queen Jean ruled over a festival that included aquaplaning and daredevil aquatic acrobats, a tug-of-war, a marine parade staged by the Portland Yacht Club, log rolling and greased-pole climbing contests, sailing races, duck boat races, deep sea diving demonstrations, fireworks, tug boat races, a salmon derby and a trans-Columbia River marathon swim.

Mrs. Reed was the guest of honor at several balls and banquets at Hotel Astoria and participated in opening ceremonies of the pirates den, dance and carnival each evening at the Regatta Pavilion, which later burned to the ground.

Mrs. Reed, who lives in Warrenton, was the first Regatta queen chosen from Astoria High School and told an Astorian-Budget reporter after the 1937 festival that her favorite part of Regatta was the boat rides.

Besides Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Lowe, other past Regatta royalty who will ride in Saturday's parade are Karen Lovold Lawson (1971), Debbie Kellett (1972), Carrie Supple (1973), Carol Mestrich (1975) and Lindy Lockett (1976).

All but Mrs. Lowe will wear gowns they were crowned in.

Saturday's Regatta Grand Land Parade will form in west Astoria and begin to wind its way through the city along Marine Drive to Commercial at 1 p.m., ending at Gyro Field.

One of these four princesses, clockwise from left to right, Patricia Johnson, Marianne DeSassise, Barbara Backlin or Terri Paulson, will be crowned queen of the 1977 Astoria Regatta at a luncheon and coronation Friday. The new queen will reign over the weekend events.

Melissa Linder, daughter of 1972 Regatta princess Debbie Huckestein Linder, holds her ears against roar of Coast Guard helicopter at water show.

Parade watchers view Tonquin replica.

Astoria Regatta 1977

Hail Tonquin

Doll-like kids and kid-like dolls mingled at Victorian Arts Festival.

Mel Hjorten demonstrates boat-building skills.

Fred Scott knits wire on crab pot.

U.S.S. Point Defiance crewman explains operation of guns to Regatta court.

Carnival rides provided color and excitement for kids of all ages.

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Queen Marianne DeSassise and court members Patricia Johnson, Terri Paulson and Barbara Backlin greet parade spectators from Bumble Bee Seafoods queen's float.

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Astoria Regatta

August 26 memorable day for Queen Marianne

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Highwater String Band holds square dance workshop at North Coast Folklife Festival.

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Astoria Clowns "promoted" parade marshal Maj. Gen. Richard A. Miller who shares the joke with his wife.

By LESLEY FORNAS
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Marianne DeSassise long will remember Aug. 26, 1977.

It was the day she celebrated her 19th birthday by being crowned queen of the 1977 Astoria Regatta and the day she appeared in court for her first traffic ticket.

It was the beginning of a whirlwind weekend for the queen of "Hail Tonquin—1811.

The new queen had to cut short her Friday afternoon tour of the U.S.S. Point Defiance, where she and her court were treated to a red-carpet tour, to appear before District Court Judge George F. Cole.

Her royal court-princesses Barbara Backlin, Patricia Johnson and Terri Paulson—accompanied her to the courtroom, where the queen pleaded guilty to speeding and was fined $11—$5 of which was suspended.

Miss DeSassise and the four princesses were kept busy all weekend attending to their royal duties.

The queen was crowned Friday afternoon at a well-attended coronation luncheon where singer-songwriter Jim Wilson of Seaside sang a specially written song in her honor.

Weekend rain failed to put a stop to most festival celebrations, although it probably was responsible for slow spectator turnout at a Saturday morning water show on the river and small crowds at a festival carnival.

But the clouds cleared Saturday in time for the afternoon parade, which got a late start when a bus carrying the Fort Lewis marching band broke down just out of Astoria and band members had to be transported to town on a Tongue Point Job Corps Center bus.

Crowds of spectators lined the streets for the parade, which drew more than 80 entries that seemed to delight persons gathered for the event.

Many of those who came to town for the parade wandered down to the Clatsop County 4-H and FFA Fairgrounds to partake of the North Coast Folklife Festival, one of the most successful events of the 1977 Regatta.

Jim Bergeron, Clatsop County Marine Extension Agent, and Oregon Arts Commission representative Suzi Jones, who put most of the festival together, reported brisk crowds both days of the festival.

People gathered at the folklife festival to learn about themselves and the traditional skills and handcrafts which have contributed to the cultural heritage of Southwest Washington and Northwest Oregon.

Northwest Fishermen's Wives Assn. members who offered folklife festival spectators a taste of some of the area's best fish products were overwhelmed with business Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Jones said she was more than pleased with local reaction to the festival, a pilot project for the state which was heavily financed by the Oregon Arts Commission. She said she was amazed that people turned out Sunday despite heavy rainfall which closed the nearby carnival early.

Crowds also were present for the two-day Victorian Arts Festival at the Flavel Mansion, where artists and craftsmen of all sorts displayed their work and demonstrated their art.

And a Camp Rilea golden anniversary celebration forced inside by the weather Sunday attracted large numbers of persons to come to see the 234th Oregon National Guard Band perform in afternoon concert.

1977 ASTORIA REGATTA

Hail Tonquin...1811

SCENE FROM REGATTA—Columbia Press Photo

REGATTA EVENTS

Thursday, August 25, 1977
12 noon - opening of Regatta Carnival at 4-H Fairgrounds
6:30 p.m. - Kiddies Day Parade - Midtown on Commercial

Friday, August 26, 1977
10 a.m. - Kiddies Day Events - Tapiola Field
11:30 a.m. - Men's No Host Luncheon B.P.O.E.
12 noon - Queen's Luncheon & Coronation - Seafare Restaurant - Reservations Only.
9 p.m. - Parade Rocker (Teams) Clatsop Community College "Whiskey Stix"
7 p.m. - Dance (Dance starts at 8 p.m.) - Beer Garden and Dance - Armory - Sponsored by the Sunset Empire Cyclers "The Family Affair" Admission $3 single, $5 couple

Saturday, August 27, 1977
10 a.m. - Water Show - Location TBA
Sunrise - 10 a.m. - Junior Fish Derby - Agest 6 - 12 years - Sunset Lake
10 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Weigh-in time
11 a.m. - Presentation of prizes
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Victorian Arts Festival - Clatsop County Historical Museum "Flavel Mansion" 8th and Duane
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Fishermen's Wives Fish Booth - 4-H & FFA Fairgrounds
1 p.m. - Grand Land Parade
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Karate Demonstration - John Warren Field, Sponsored by Kims Tai Kwon Do
2 p.m. - 1 a.m. - Beer Garden - Astoria Armory, Sponsored by the Sunset Empire CBer's "The Family Affair", Admission $3 single, $5 couples

Sunday, August 28, 1977
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Victorian Art Festival with program starting at 1 p.m.
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Folklife Festival - Fishermen's Wives Fish Booth - 4-H & FFA Fairgrounds
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Open House at Camp Rilea - 50th anniversary
2 p.m. - Band Concert
3 p.m. - Button Drawing